

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

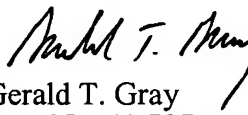
Claims 1-32 are pending. Claims 6-8, 10, 16, 19-24, 26, 27, 29 and 31-32 have been amended herein in order to change the dependencies, remove multiple dependencies and to reduce the total number of claims fees payable. The claims as amended herein reflect changes to the claims after the PCT Article 34 amendments. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added herein.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,


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